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The inevitable Spanish Armada would be as a collection of fishing boats to this great world-fleet. The most formidable navy of any single nation would be powerless against the attack of one-fifth of this vast gathering. The combined broadsides of this fleet could lay in crumbling ashes the entire city of New York, while the fleet lay off-shore out of reach of the shore batteries.

Centralization of Power.
And then consider what a sight the ships will make. The onlooker will be able to see, for the first time in the history of modern warfare, the flower of the combined fleets of England, Germany, Japan, France, and the United States—the "big live in nations pertaining to naval matters."

In addition he will witness the flag of the South American nations which have already signified their willingness to participate in the celebration of the wedding of the Atlantic and the Pacific. He will see the flag of the United States at the head of the fleet, and the Japanese fleet, and even the diminutive Chinese navy will have its representatives at Hampton Roads.

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WHOOPIING COUGH
CAUSED BY GERM

Bacillus Responsible for Trouble Said to Have Been Segregated by Doctors.

DISEASE EXISTS IN DOGS

Small Dogs Have Been Inoculated with

Cultures Made from Human

Sufferers.

It has just been definitely established

that whooping cough is caused by a germ

which has been named the bacillus per-

tussalis by Bordet and Gengou, its discover-

ers, according to the Medical Record.

This organism was suspected some

time ago, and a vaccine treatment un-

der taken on this basis. Laboratory stud-

ies have confirmed the belief of the two

physicians named. Whooping cough is

known in medical nomenclature as per-

tussis. Commenting editorially on the discovery,

the Medical Record says:

"It was over a year ago that we had

occasion to call attention to the vaccine

treatment of pertussis, which had ap-

parently exercised a favorable influence

over the course of the disease in a num-

ber of instances. At that time the Bor-

det-Gengou bacillus had been found con-

sistently in certain stages of the disease,

and complement fixation tests with this

organism were fairly constantly positive.

Whether this bacillus was the true caus-

ative agent or merely a secondary in-

truder had not been definitely determined.

Germans Retard Movement.

"Of late, however, evidence to this

end has become conclusive. Mallory and

Horner, in a recent paper, have shown

an important part, but there are some

attorneys who have no mind, and to

them Cleo de Merode, who once danced

in New York, and for years belonged

to the ballet of the opera, gives val-

uable information. Every morning the

fair Cleo takes a newspaper and tear-

ing it up into little pieces, scatters these

pieces about the room. She then picks

them up one by one from the floor. By

the time she has finished she has gone

through a splendid half hour of flexions

of the body.

Since Marcus Whitman's Day.

From the Spokane Spokesman-Herald.

The holding of the second conference

of the World's Association for Christian

Citizenship at Portland, Ore., is doubly

impressive and significant. It is only

seventy years since Marcus Whitman led

the first caravan of immigrants into the

Pacific Northwest, and yet delegates now

went by the thousands to that town in

the former wilderness. The assembling

of the hosts there instead of on the

Atlantic or in the interior shows again

that the Pacific is to become to future

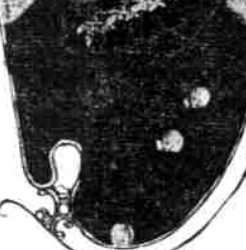
civilization what the Mediterranean

was to ancient culture. The dominant

idea of the conference was moral agents

having moral responsibility. The ideal is a

difficult one to realize, but the growing



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UNCLE SAM CUTS
HIS LIVING COST

Scaling Prices of General Sup-
plies Through Work
of Experts.

TASK A DIFFICULT ONE

Committee in Charge Made Up of a
Representative from Each of the
Ten Departments.

Uncle Sam has had the high-cost of living brought home to him in a very practical way—a way with which most housewives are familiar—and that is by going into the open market and buying groceries, household goods, fuel, ice, and dry goods. It wasn't that the government was doing this as an experiment. Large amounts of these supplies are consumed by various departments each year, and the purpose of the government was to purchase them as cheaply as possible without allowing any inferiority of the goods.

As a result of the contracts which Uncle Sam has let out for supplying groceries and household supplies to the government for this fiscal year he will have to pay 17 per cent more for these articles than he paid last year. Fuel and ice have increased in cost 7 per cent, compared with last year, and dry goods 8 per cent.

In several other articles which the government will consume this year there has been a substantial reduction in price as compared with a year ago, principally forage, flour and feed, where the difference in cost as compared to last year is 20 per cent. The following table compares the prices which the government will pay for the fiscal year ending June 30 next with those paid last year:

	In.	De.
Stationery	100	100
Hardware	100	100
Dry goods	100	100
Drugs and chemicals	100	100
Electrical and electronic supplies	100	100
Laboratory supplies	100	100
Books	100	100
Printer's ink	100	100
Printer's paper	100	100
Printer's type	100	100
Printer's galleys	100	100
Printer's presses	100	100
Printer's rollers	100	100
Printer's frames	100	100
Printer's cases	100	100
Printer's tools	100	100
Printer's materials	100	100
Printer's labor	100	100
Printer's overhead	100	100
Printer's profit	100	100
Printer's total	100	100

No change.

Put on Business Basis.

These figures are contained in a report made by Dr. O. H. Briggs, superintendent of supplies, and they focus attention on an arm of the government which, though little heard of, is engaged in the most important and interesting task of placing the purchase of all supplies used by the government on a business basis, so that while a considerable saving may be made as regards cost, the quality of the supplies is not impaired. In fact, in most cases it is enhanced.

The general supply committee is the name of this branch of the government, and it had its inception during President Taft's administration, when Congress, following recommendations from the White House, passed an act on June 17, 1909, creating it. A representative from each of the ten executive departments make up this committee.

The duties of this committee are to prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Treasury for his approval not later than February 1 of each year a schedule of specifications of supplies that, in its judgment, should be covered by general supply contracts. This schedule is to include all supplies of a kind that are used in common by two or more of the executive departments and government establishments in Washington.

In addition, the general supply committee also has the following power, which in effect makes it the actual purchasing board of the government, for the Secretary of the Treasury rarely overrides any action taken by it. It shall open and consider all proposals for furnishing supplies described in the annual schedules and recommend to the Secretary of the Treasury such action as in its judgment should be taken. It shall also the Secretary of the Treasury in securing the proper fulfillment of contracts and in making additions to the schedules.

The general supply committee is authorized to call upon experts in the government service for advice and assistance in the preparation of specifications and in

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